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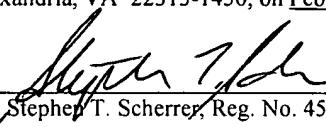
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : LASCH, ELLEN, et al.  
Appl. No. : 10/749006  
Filed : December 30, 2003  
Title : METAL-CONTAINING  
TRANSACTION CARD AND  
METHOD OF MAKING THE  
SAME  
  
Grp./A.U. : 2876  
Examiner : Mai, Thien T.  
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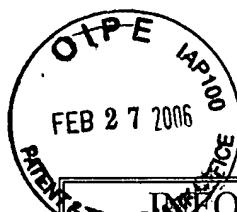
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EXAMINER'S INITIALS	CITE NO.	Document Number Number-Kind Code <sub>2</sub> (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document			
		US 2003/0024995	02/06/2003	Finis, et al.			
		US 5,299,940	04/05/1994	Uenaka, et al.			
		US 5,793,502	08/11/1998	Bianco, et al.			
		US 6,121,069	09/19/2000	Boyko, et al.			
		US 6,250,555	06/26/2001	Inamoto			
		US 6,294,241	09/25/2001	Kaule, et al.			
		US 6,337,752	01/08/2002	Heckenkamp, et al.			
		US 6,382,506	05/07/2002	Van Der Valk			
		US 6,492,717	10/10/2002	Gore, et al.			
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		US 6,644,551	11/11/2003	Clayman, et al.			
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<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
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## For FY 2005

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$)
 **180**
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**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

<u>Application Type</u>	<u>FILING FEES</u>		<u>SEARCH FEES</u>		<u>EXAMINATION FEES</u>		
	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fees Paid (\$)</u>
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**
Fee Description

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent

Small Entity  
Fee (\$) Fee (\$)

50 25

Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent

200 100

Multiple dependent claims

360 180

<u>Total Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>	<u>Multiple Dependent Claims</u>
- 20 or HP =	0	x 50	= 0	

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Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

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